

Hussar News

HUSSAR, March 25—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hussar, who have been in the community for some time, have been laid up for the past few weeks with a broken bone in the ankle.

Mrs. Alex Martinson was visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Keweenaw, last week. Mrs. Martinson, Mrs. T. L. Montgomery, Mrs. M. R. Robinson, and Jerry Keweenaw returned to Calgary on Saturday. Mrs. Martinson went on to Lethbridge where Mr. and Mrs. Martinson will reside.

Ben Gray and Mr. McKay, of Orem, were Hussar visitors on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hush returned to Calgary on Friday.

The Chancellor W. I. and T. F. A. put on a delightful entertainment and dance in the Community Hall on Friday evening, consisting of the play "Aaron Slick of Pumpkin Creek," and musical selections by Mesdames Lea and Hansen, accompanied by Miss Barclay, J. M. Wheat, Mrs. W. J. Adams, and floor manager for the dance.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Maurer and Harry Spent Sunday at the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kuchel, Mrs. P. Smith returned to Bassano with Mr. and Mrs. Maurer, and Harry returned to Calgary where he is attending school.

Jason Bell spent the week-end at home.

Miss Eleanor Hefebower spent the week-end at home, returning to Calgary on Sunday with Miss Spier and Mr. Rose.

L. P. Christensen and family visited friends in Calgary on Saturday and attended the Masonic young people's party Saturday evening.

Ben Reeves, with his son Clarence, motored down from Calgary on Saturday, visiting with Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Reeves.

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Elliott and was well attended as was hoped. Bridge was played at seven tables. Mrs. H. D. Brown won first prize and Miss Clifford second.

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Blizzard Halts Farm Operations

A blizzard blew down from the north last Tuesday night, March 24, and during the day the storm was at its height. It was the most severe storm of the 1930-31 winter, and was accompanied and followed by a drop in temperature that reached about 15 degrees below zero Wednesday night.

The storm halted all field operations on the farm just when the farmers were getting nicely started.

A number of farmers had already started seeding and others were planning to drill.

The storm was welcomed, however, as it brought a little moisture to the fields which have been very dry.

The snowfall amounted to only a few inches on the level, but in places it piled up in drifts two feet deep.

Change In Branch Line Train Service

Starting Monday, April 6, there will be a change in train service on the C. P. R. branch, lines running from Bassano to Empress and Bassano to Irwin.

The passenger trains will be discontinued, and a mixed train will leave Bassano Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:30 a.m. and will arrive in Bassano Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 4:50 p.m.

On Monday only this train will go as far as Wainwright.

The train going east will leave Bassano Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 6:45 a.m. and will arrive in Bassano Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 4:50 p.m.

There will be no change in train running on the Rosemary-Roadside line.

Conditioned for the week-end at the home of Mrs. Clifford.

The St. Patrick's card party put on by Mrs. Elliott and was well attended as was hoped. Bridge was played at seven tables. Mrs. H. D. Brown won first prize and Miss Clifford second.

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Government Will Investigate Problems of Farmers On C.P.R. Irrigated Land

Intermediary Will Act Between C. P. R. and Settlers—Legislation Thinks Royal Commission Needless—Claimed 90 per cent of Farmers Unable to Meet Terms of Contract—C. P. R. Said to Have Lost \$1,400,000 in Operation of the Irrigation Section.

The motion by J. C. Buckley, U. P. A., of Gleichen, to appoint a royal commission to inquire into the problems of farmers on C.P.R. irrigated land did not meet with the approval of the Alberta Legislature yesterday, Wednesday, March 25.

Instead, the house adopted a sub-amendment moved by Premier E. B. Brownlee, that the government by means of the Debt Adjustment Bureau, or some other organization, act as intermediary between the contract farmers and settlers in an effort to adjust present economic difficulties.

The premier's sub-amendment only wiped out the idea of a royal commission, but it also eliminated an amendment, moved by John Mackintosh, independent, Bow Valley, that instead of a royal commission there be appointed a board of inquiry, one member to be chosen by the government, one by the C. P. R., and one to be mutually agreed on.

The premier's sub-amendment brought the discussion to a close in the legislature. Six days previous the problems of the C. P. R. land contract holders had been brought before the agricultural committee of the legislature, with representatives of both sides of the question sitting forth their arguments.

H. Mercer, of Strathmore, told the committee that fully 90 per cent of the settlers on C. P. R. irrigated land were unable to meet the terms of their contracts, and that many desirable settlers were being forced off the farms.

Under what he termed a recent campaign to secure surrender of contracts, E. C. Chandler, of Ardmore, secretary of the C. P. R. Contract holders' association, said that 17,765 acres in one municipality had been surrendered, and that under 447 foreclosures 130 families had been evicted. He thought a royal commission should be appointed to investigate the "exorbitant compound interest system of payment for lands."

H. C. Barr, of Redlands, testified that, while the C.P.R. had always treated him fairly, he and many other settlers were in serious difficulty with their contracts, largely as a result of crop failures and prices.

"Interest has got such a run on many of us," he asserted, "that we can never manage to catch up under present conditions."

Says Terms Impossible H. Sheikher, of Duchesne, claimed that after three years of settlement in his district he had been displaced by the impossible terms of their contracts, and that many farms had been settled six or eight times in recent years. Those still on the land were in an impossible condition as regards arrears, he maintained, and not a single clause in the contract protected the farmer's interests. Not a settler in the Eastern Section, he thought, had paid more than \$1,000 on his contract out of the earnings of his farm, and he added, "and are sick to death of asking the company for a readjustment."

Pay Tax Arrears The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. has paid in the neighborhood of \$700,000 in arrears of taxes for settlers on C. P. R. land in the province to prevent forfeiture and protect interests of settlers and the company, according to evidence of Geo. A. Walker, K. C. Of this amount \$400,000 was on the company's books at the beginning of 1930; \$228,270 was paid in 1930, and the amount \$300,000 would have been paid had the company been paid.

Mr. Walker and Albert Newman, superintendent of the C.P.R. natural resources land branch, appeared before the committee, presenting the company's case in reply to complaints registered by members of the contract holders' association.

The C.P.R. had never intended to discuss individual difficulties with any settler, said Mr. Walker. The association of contract holders, he asserted, was an impossible situation in the form of a 99-year contract in

Katherine McArthur Found Not Guilty

Katherine McArthur, Medicine Hat nurse, was found "not guilty on the grounds of insanity at the time of committing the act," on a charge of murder of a new-born infant at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Judge, about 11 miles southeast of Brooks, last February. The verdict appeared in supreme court last Friday, March 20, on a charge of murder before Chief Justice Simmons.

In his summing up, Chief Justice Simmons said that there was no doubt, on the evidence, that the accused had given birth to a child, and that the child was alive at the time of birth. There was also no doubt but that the child had met its death at the hands of its mother. His lordship, however, pointed out that the evidence of doctors of long experience that the act had been committed while the accused woman was in her first stages of insanity, before the evidence they should bring in a verdict according to their lordship said.

A. L. Smith, K. C., crown prosecutor, told the jury that when two men of standing such as Dr. A. G. Scott and Dr. E. G. Mason had declared their verdict, it was a verdict to be believed in this evidence they should bring in a verdict according to their lordship said.

A. Macleod Sinclair, K. C., of Calgary, and Wm. McElduff, K. C., were defence counsel.

They had been in the provincial police barracks until an order-in-council is handed down giving the contract holders the right to have their land returned to them.

Chief Justice Simmons told the accused following the verdict.

place of the present 34-year one, such an arrangement, he argued, would result in a class of tenant farmers for three generations before title to the land could finally be granted, and the position of settlers in the intervening time would be little better in view of the interest necessary to carry such a contract.

Many farmers even in this area, he maintained, had been successful, and their contracts, under the shape. The protesting contract holders, he thought, were a very small minority of settlers, and their cases were never presented for consideration.

Recognizing difficulties in poor crop years the company had carried Mr. Chandler and many other settlers without pressing for payment, and would be willing, as soon as substantial payments could again be made, to write off dollar for dollar in arrears with the same the farmer could pay. This course has already been followed in many cases, he stated.

Alms Value of Probe The Wilson report on the Lethbridge Northern district, he pointed out, recommended that the C.P.R. should make a little investigation into the situation, and payments be followed in that area. Questioned by J. C. Buckley, U. P. A., of Gleichen, Mr. Walker said that the company had no intention of making a royal commission, since each case had to be dealt with largely on its own merits, but answering a further question by W. H. Shields, Macleod, he could see an advantage of investigation by an advisory board representing the government, the company, and the contract holders.

Heavy Loss Hon. Geo. Hoadley, minister of agriculture, elicited the information that the company had been operating the irrigation section since its inception was in the neighborhood of \$1,400,000, or approximately \$500,000 annually above receipts from water rights.

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Mothers' Allowance Act and Railway Crossings Are Discussed by Board

Full Provincial Responsibility Sought in Bearing Cost Mothers' Allowance—Board Endorses Proposal to Stop All Traffic at Railway Crossings—Year-Round Wednesday-High Holiday and 8 O'clock Closing of Stores Proposed.

The Board of Trade meeting Wednesday, March 25, at one o'clock was featured by lengthy debate on the Mothers' Allowance Act and the proposal to seek legislation requiring the stopping of all vehicles at railway crossings. A number of other matters were on the agenda, but discussion of these two problems occupied most of the business session.

At a previous board meeting the duty method of raising funds for the payment of mothers' allowance was discussed. It was shown how Bassano was carrying a heavy burden in the administration of this provincial act; how it was costing the town about \$1200 a year. The committee submitted a letter which it was proposed to send to every board of trade in the province. The letter pointed out the unfairness of the Mothers' Allowance Act and solicited the support of the other boards of trade in seeking to have the government remove this burden from the towns and municipal districts and transfer to the province the full responsibility of financing mothers' allowances. All the members agreed on the proposal to revise the letter to solicit the support of the other boards of trade, but there was some difference of opinion as to the contents of the letter to be sent to the other boards. It was decided by vote to use the letter as submitted by the committee.

Topic at Railway Crossings The board endorsed the resolution of the Calgary Board of Trade, requesting the provincial government to enact legislation requiring the stopping of all vehicles at railway crossings, and to proceed over railway crossings. A number of members spoke in favor of the resolution, and A. P. Thompson quoted figures showing the number of accidents and deaths at railway crossings last year. In western Canada during 1930 there were 119 accidents at railway crossings, resulting in 7 deaths and 60 persons injured. Of these accidents 99 involved motor vehicles, 72 were struck by trains; 32 ran into trains, and 7 ran into gates. In Canada last year during the months of June and July there were 90 railway accidents resulting in 50 persons being killed and 147 injured.

Wants Better Express Service A motion was passed asking the Canadian Express Co. to run express of the eastbound No. 4 train the same day as received instead of waiting till next morning.

All Year High Holiday An all-year-round Wednesday half holiday is asked of the town council in a motion passed at the meeting. This motion also asks for closing the stores at 4:00 p.m. (except on Saturdays) instead of 5:30 p.m. as at present.

No More Free Trees Geo. Warren, chairman of the auto

SIX AUTOMOBILE THIEVES CAUGHT

Sgt. Casway Does Quick Job of Rounding Up Men Who Stole Cars in Calgary—Found Guilty and Remanded Pending Possibility of Other Charges

Six men, who after their arrest admitted they had stolen a car in Calgary, were rounded up by Sgt. J. N. Casway, A. P. P., last Monday, after a hot chase in an automobile in the early hours of the morning and an all-day hunt in the Rosemary and Cooness Districts.

The men gave their names as, Fred Cropper, Norman Bana, Mike Bink, George Roy, Percy Parry, and Henry Dabher.

Appearing in police court in Calgary Wednesday the men pleaded guilty to the theft of a Buick automobile belonging to B. T. Chapman, Calgary, and were remanded, when police intimated that other charges might be laid against them.

Prompt capture of the men was a smart piece of work on the part of Sgt. Casway, who was assisted by T. Ingber, town constable, and Geo. LePage, who carries the mail for the early morning trains, spotted the men and the car near Roy Smith's garage about 4 a.m. Their actions were suspicious, and he notified Ingber. When Ingber appeared the men hurriedly left town in their car, travelling east. Ingber chased them, and they were caught near the town of Cooness, and the car was found near the town of Cooness.

The police followed and stopped them near Cooness when they saw the car coming back to the main highway. Sgt. Casway stood on the road and signalled the driver to stop, and when the car stopped he continued on its way the sergeant fired several shots after it and again gave chase. A few miles further on the men abandoned their car and fled to the fields. Later it was learned they had left the car because they thought it had caught fire from the effects of the revolver shot.

The car, an old model LaSalle Buick coach, suffered no damage. The police began a search for the men and soon found the one named Bana living in a culvert. The others (continued on back page)

Sparks and Flashes From the Anvil of Parliament

(By T. B. Windross)

During the week that has just passed the big guns of the government and the opposition have been placed in position for the biggest drive of the session. Thursday afternoon Premier J. E. Brownlee presented to the legislature a bill of all the transactions in connection with the guarantee to the wheat pool and the financial liability of the government in connection therewith.

He disclosed the fact that in September last the wheat pools owed the banks the tremendous sum of \$5,000,000. In addition to this statement the outline of Premier Brownlee's statement to the legislature may be briefly summed up as follows:

The Alberta government has granted the lending banks prior claim on the assets of the Alberta Wheat Pool Elevators Limited.

The pools traded in wheat and required advances of \$50,000 to protect their "long" position. The Alberta government agreed that for nearly two months sale should be allocated on the basis of 25 per cent 1929 crop and 75 per cent 1930 crop.

The pools undertook on November 16th, 1929, to install as soon as possible, a general manager acceptable to the lending banks, and agreed that he should act at least until such time as the balance of the 1929 and the 1930 crop was disposed of.

These disclosures were made to the house when Premier Brownlee sought its agreement to the second reading of the bill to validate the provincial guarantee to the wheat pool guarantee, Premier Brownlee declared that a panic was averted, the investment of \$5,000,000 in Alberta alone saved, and the wheat etc. were sufficiently stabilised so

that agriculture industry in the west was snatched from the brink of disaster.

At the same time the Premier declared, the provinces had reached the limit to which they can go. In the case of guarantees and if any further guarantee was required it must be done by the federal government. The only other alternative to the one he proposed was suggested by the government he said, was the nationalization of all wheat marketing. The pools must be enabled to function unless this alternative is to be accepted.

In giving the contingent liability of the Alberta government in connection with the wheat pool, Mr. Brownlee gave the information that it would be \$5,555,000. This contingent liability of the government, the premier said, was secured by the assets of the Alberta Wheat Pool and the Alberta Pool Elevators Limited, which are estimated at \$9,404,000.

There was a feeling among Liberal members of the opposition that securities should be subject to investigation and a motion made by H. J. Montgomery, Liberal, of Wetaskiwin was presented and carried.

The house, Mr. Montgomery's motion was for a valuation to be made of the securities by an independent appraiser. The government objected to this and as a result the appraisal will be made on the basis of a report by the provincial auditor based on the certified balance sheets of the pools.

The debate on the pool guarantee was adjourned Friday night to George H. Webster, Liberal leader, who on Monday afternoon will reply to premier Brownlee and offer the Liberal party's official criticism of the action taken by the government.

It is forecast that Mr. Webster will by a large part of the blame for conditions that necessitated the guarantee and the management of the pools.

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THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY THIS WEEK

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WESTERNERS ARE HEARD IN DEBATE IN OTTAWA

Ottawa, Ont.—From Western members, the House of Commons heard something of conditions in the Prairie Provinces. Western members held the floor for a large part of the sitting. Incidentally Conservatives, to great extent, dropped out of the debate. The great majority of participants came from the ranks of the Liberals.

At the outset, R. B. Spencer, U.P.A. member for Battle River, expressed the greatest disappointment with reference to agriculture in the speech from the Throne. He painted a gloomy picture of conditions in the West. Bankruptcy, suffering, privation, hardship endured and to be endured, "and the infinitesimally small amount of help that has been given," prompted him to speak of the agriculture paragraph in the Throne Speech as a "yellow ribbon," he asserted.

"If conditions were any worse than they are, then 'God bless Western Canada,'" he continued. "From the speech from the Throne it would appear that it is another case of Nero fiddling while Rome burns."

The debate sifted back to Eastern Canada when Hon. P. J. Veniot, former postmaster general, said that Mr. Spencer, Mr. Veniot delivered a considerable portion of his speech to conditions in New Brunswick, and more particularly to the cotton factory in the city of Saint John. The tariff had proven anything but beneficial to that province, he asserted.

From another western member, J. L. Brown, Liberal-Progressive, Leduc, came a couple of suggestions to E. W. Beatty, president of the C.P.R., which Mr. Brown felt might result in improving conditions for the prairie farmer. Mr. Beatty might reduce freight rates, suggested Mr. Brown. And the president of the C.P.R. might direct his efforts toward developing markets for farm products.

Investigation of the Canadian flour milling industry was urged upon the government by Hon. R. D. Reid, Liberal member for New Westminster. He expressed the view that the recent report on bread baking industry had not gone far enough.

Criticism of the government's tariff policy came from E. J. Young, Liberal member for Weyburn. "We know from the government's own figures that last fall there were 20,000 unemployed," said Young. "And today there are 30,000." In what way, he asked, had the tariff helped Canada, in comparison with what it had cost.

Reference to secession talk in Western Canada featured the speech of John Vahlness, Liberal member for South Battleford. Referring to remarks made earlier in the debate by F. W. Turnbull, Conservative member for Regina, Mr. Vahlness asserted that secession talk did not originate merely among five or six men gathered at Wildie. He spoke of a document called the Farmers' Charter of Liberty, which, he said, contained demands similar to those made to the prime minister at Regina. All the farmers had received as an answer to these demands, he said, was promises.

Amend Criminal Code

First Reading Is Given To Bill In House of Commons

Ottawa, Ont.—The House of Commons gave first reading to a bill amending the criminal code. The measure which was introduced by Armand Lavigne (Cons., Montmagny) provided:

1. In jury trial, defence counsel would address the jury after crown counsel had been heard in place of before crown counsel.
2. That judges should address the jury on questions of law only and not on fact.
3. That in Quebec province, presiding judge at such trials shall be a judge of the court of sessions of the peace.

Menace To Aluminum Trade

Tokyo, Japan.—A menace to Canada's aluminum trade with Japan looms up in a scheme that has now reached the formative stage, to supply all of this country's requirements of this metal by a plant to be established in Chosen (Korea).

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In Interests Of Science

Canadian Doctor Pines Death As Result Of Experiment

London, Ont.—Dr. Wray Lloyd, graduate of University of Western Ontario, and one of the most promising of the young scientists working under the wing of the Rockefeller Institute, is facing death for the second time as a result of experiments.

Dr. Lloyd contracted yellow fever from monkeys with which he was working in his New York laboratory. His condition is not regarded as critical, but doctors point out that the tropical disease is always dangerous.

In 1928, while studying the heart at the University of Western Ontario Medical school, Dr. Lloyd created quite a sensation when he announced that by using calcium chloride as a stimulant he had caused hearts taken from dead rabbits to resume beating.

Desiring to find out the effect of the drug on the human heart, Dr. Lloyd had his assistant inject a small quantity into his arm. The young doctor became suddenly unconscious and death was close before he revived.

No Cattle For Export

If Canadian Cattle Show Amount Of Meat As Last Year

Winnipeg, Man.—Canada will have no exportable surplus of cattle this year if Canadians consume the amount of meat as last year, declared Roderick MacKay, rancher of High River, Alberta. Mr. MacKay arrived in Ottawa to meet with the committee with Hon. Robert Weir, Minister of Agriculture.

In Ottawa Mr. MacKay, with George McLeod of Lethbridge, Alberta, represented the recently-formed council of Western Beef Producers and Packers with the committee.

Mr. MacKay emphasized that the Canadian cattle industry was "decidedly home consumption basis."

He deprecates reports of a "glut" on the export market for Canadian cattle. "He pointed out that on January 1, 1931, there were 11,546,000 pounds of dressed beef in cold storage in the Dominion, as compared with 28,000,000 on the same date last year. The five-year average, he added, was 24,000,000."

No Expansion Of Air Service Expected

Appropriation Compared With Former Years Likely To Hold Their Own

Ottawa, Ont.—No expansion in the air services of Canada is contemplated for the present year and it will be necessary to submit estimates are tabled, that appropriations for this purpose will do little more than hold their own in comparison with former years. It was stated here.

Steady increase in the air vote has been an annual feature for several years. The government has announced that the money for direct Canada's air operations, however, and no appropriation will be set aside for extension of existing services.

At the same time it is not contemplated that any reduction of the existing facilities performed by the Royal Canadian Air Force will cause or that the present air mail services will be curtailed.

To Broadcast Arrival Of Governor-General

C.N.R. Chain Will Carry His First Speech As Far As Vancouver

Winnipeg, Man.—The Canadian National Railways radio system has been officially authorized to broadcast, over a coast-to-coast network, the arrival of the Earl of Beaulieu, governor-general designate, and his welcome to Canada by the prime minister. The new governor-general and his family will reach Halifax, Saturday, April 4, at 7 a.m. M.E.T. The addresses of welcome and Lord Beaulieu's first speech in the Dominion will be carried on a chain that will stretch as far west as Vancouver, according to E. A. Weir, director of radio for the Canadian National system.

Wreck Of Norwegian Vessel

Copenhagen.—Three passengers, one of them a five-year-old girl, and four members of the crew, perished when the Norwegian steamer "Hera" was wrecked on the rocks off Hammerfest, Norway, in a violent storm. Three of the crew members were women stewards. Fifty-five passengers and crew took to the boats and were rescued.

Former Manitoba Member Dead

Prof. J. Dixon Resigned From Legislature In 1925

Winnipeg, Man.—Prof. J. Dixon, 50, former member of the Manitoba legislature and for many years prominent in labor affairs throughout the Dominion, died March 18, at his home here.

Mr. Dixon, who had been in ill-health for many years, resigned from the legislature in 1925. He was first elected in 1914 as a Liberal, but later became a representative of Labor, sitting as a member for Winnipeg.

U. S. ADHERES TO ITS POLICY OF ALOOFNESS

London, England.—United States policy of aloofness from purely European armament problems has been adhered to in a decision made public at the conclusion of two days of conversations between H. H. Arthur Henderson, British foreign minister; Rt. Hon. A. V. Alexander, first Lord of Admiralty; U. S. Senator Dwight W. Morrow, and Ambassador Charles G. Dawes.

It was declared that the United States would not participate in any way in the drafting of the new Anglo-French-Italian naval agreement at the foreign office. While the United States will not participate in framing of the pact, official U.S. opinion, echoed here, was that the "tripartite agreement is an important and successful move toward settlement of European armament problems."

The only concern of the United States, it was said, is in regard to the world naval situation and the relation of the new accord to such existing naval agreements as the Washington Treaty and the Pact of London.

It was learned on high authority that U.S. experts on disarmament would view the tripartite agreement as a step toward settling the dispute without conflicting with that or calling for any changes in it. It is now believed the Japanese government will also decide not to be represented.

Washington, D.C.—Secretary of State Stimson received assurances from Ambassador Charles G. Dawes, in London, England, that satisfactory progress was being made in Europe toward completing the Franco-Italian naval accord. The secretary said it appeared that U.S. participation in a committee to draft the Franco-Italian settlement would be necessary.

It was considered possible that the final draft might necessitate only the signatures of France and Italy. The question of British signatures is still one for determination.

MAY RECEIVE APPOINTMENT

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Will Use Canadian Coal When Possible

Chiefs Of Both Railways Give Promise To Nova Scotia

Ottawa, Ont.—The two railway presidents, E. W. Beatty, of the C.P.R., and Sir Henry Thornton, of the Canadian National, expressed the desire of their systems to use Canadian coal wherever possible during a conference here with Nova Scotia representatives and Hon. Wesley Gordon, Minister of Mines and Immigration.

The minister announced that the facts as submitted by the fuel representatives would be closely studied by the fuel board and himself and as far as feasible their request for the use of Nova Scotia coal further west than the railways are now committing it would be followed.

Would Entertain Royalty

King Of Spain To Pass Through Western Canada

North Portland, B.C.—It is expected that the border towns of North Portland and the town will be honored with a call from the King of Spain on April 19. His Majesty and party will be passing through en route from Vancouver to Washington, D.C., on that date. His Majesty's party will be passing through en route from Vancouver to Washington, D.C., on that date.

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Cities Linked By Air

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To Employ Local Men

Manitoba Workers To Be Used On Construction Work At Churchill

Winnipeg, Man.—Labor's request that only Manitoba workers be employed in construction operations at Port Churchill, Manitoba's northern support, will be accorded to as far as possible by the Dominion Government.

The Winnipeg Labor Council recently requested the government to employ only Manitoba labor at Port Churchill and apply the Manitoba fair wage schedule.

Mr. R. J. Munroe, Minister of Railways, informed the council that Manitoba "certainly will get a large proportion of the work." He added, however, that it was not possible to give it all to one province as some men have to be hired from elsewhere because of special qualifications.

SENATE HEARS ABOUT RELIEF WORK PROGRAM

Ottawa, Ont.—"I believe Canada could profit by the errors made by other countries," Hon. Gideon D. Robertson, Minister, told the senate in a reference to Great Britain's unemployed insurance scheme.

Along with many other people, both in Canada and Great Britain, Senator Robertson had been pained when the scheme first was put in operation, he said. It soon was becoming a burden on the country as a whole and had not removed the basic causes of widespread unemployment. Canada, he suggested, might profit by the experience.

As head of the department that administered the Dominion's share in the joint employment relief scheme with the provinces and the municipalities, Senator Robertson said he had received complete cooperation from all sides.

The scheme had resulted in \$69,000,000 being subscribed by the Dominion, the provinces, municipalities and the two large railway companies, to provide work and relief.

"The situation has been substantially improved," the minister of labor declared. Not only had the government provided \$20,000,000 toward creating employment opportunities, but it had raised the tariff to stimulate Canadian industry and had curbed immigration to the country.

"I am convinced," Senator Robertson continued, "that if parliament had not met in September, and had not taken these steps to relieve distress, there would have arisen in Canada a condition very similar to that in the United States of this government to give attention to a permanent solution. No one expected unemployment to be confined to a day or a week, but the government is doing all within its power to relieve conditions."

Hon. Robert Forke suggested the incorporation of a scheme whereby farmers' debts in Western Canada would be amortized over a 10-year period. In his 49 years residence in the west, he had never seen conditions so acute and he believed something would have to be done to relieve the financial burden on the farmers if they were to continue producing. For the first time, Mr. Forke had seen indications in the west of a lack of confidence in the future.

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REPORT DEALS WITH THE 1931 CROP PROSPECTS

Ottawa, Ont.—Prospects for this year's crop of wheat in a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

"The weather," it states, "for the past four months has been the best of the winter which has been somewhat encouraging to the prospects for the 1931 crops. Ontario winter wheat crop has been greatly benefited by heavy snow. In the prairie provinces also, there have been scattered snowfalls of some benefit."

"In various parts of the prairie, during the winter," the report states, "there have been some reports of soil-drifting from areas bare of snow and with dry top soils. At the present time, however, the localized areas, normal conditions regarding soil moisture prevail throughout the west, since the heavy rain, snow, and the conditions have been freeze-up, together with the snowfall of the first two weeks of March, have been beneficial to the winter precipitation. It must be remembered, however, that sub-zero temperatures are low in those important wheat-producing regions which have suffered from drought in the past two years."

War Responsible For Depression

Sir George Foster Deals With Present Economic Conditions

Ottawa, Ont.—Two of Canada's oldest parliamentarians in point of age, Sir George Foster, of the House of Commons, and Hon. George P. Graham, dealt with matters of national moment when speaking in the senate. The former, who will be 84 on September 1, delved deeply into the causes of the present depression, setting forth the opinion that the conditions which have contributed largely to the last war.

As a former chairman of the tariff advisory board, Senator Graham said he was pleased to know the government intended establishing an other board. Business interests demanded that the government should make demands might be heard. It might be wise to have a tariff board made by statute, with its powers defined and limited by statute, but he warned the government to exercise great care in naming those powers. The people of Canada, he said, would not want a tariff board to fix duties.

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Russia Taking Skilled Mechanics From Canada

Toronto Workers Help Soviets

Toronto, Ont.—"Soviet Russia's need for skilled mechanics is a fact and expert craftsmen has been answered by 100 Toronto bricklayers, carpenters, technicians and contractors, who have been recruited for employment in the Soviet Union, and will leave Canada early in May. Arrangements for sailing have been made," the Toronto Star says.

The party will be composed of Russians, Canadians, Frenchmen, Finns and other nationalities. Wives and children will travel with the heads of households and many will carry with them their personal belongings, the paper says.

It is understood a very contact of work has been guaranteed. The men who are going to Russia are not among the army of unemployed. The Star learned. The majority of them are working.

Fishing Boat Case

Ottawa, Ont.—Stature off the coast of British Columbia of four foreign fishing vessels by the Canadian Fisheries patrol, is the subject of a case on which argument was concluded in appeal today before the Supreme Court of Canada. Judgment was reserved. The vessels, "Queen City," "Julia" and "Sauria," registered in the state of Washington, were seized on June 18, 1930, while the vessel, "Messy," registered in Alaska, was seized a few days earlier.

Ready For Delivery

Ottawa, Ont.—Delivery of the first of Canada's new destroyers, H.M.C.S. "Saguenay," will be made to this country on or about April 1. A number of test runs will be made but it is expected that a Canadian crew will be put on board the warship around that date and will formally take the made of the naval service of this court.

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In the eyes of most young people, particularly those in their early twenties, an person over sixty is old and ready for the undertaker. We all know how difficult it is for the man of fifty to obtain much sympathy when he is classed as an old man in the funeral home.

Is this a reasonable attitude? If it is, we can only say that the human machine is wearing out too quickly. After all, it is not the matter of years a man has lived that determines the state of his body. It is the condition of his body at the present time that determines his condition. The extent of his work, and what he has done in his life, is not so much a factor as it is a sign of his condition.

We did not put into the human machine all makes of motor cars. The perspective of the car that had had ten years after they had left the factory. See, we could take our car to the dealer and have it replaced with a new one, and even more would we expect to have the car that had been used since it had been on the road.

We do not start out into life with vital attributes. Some of us have stronger bodies than others. The time of a man's body at any period of his life depends upon the type of body which he started life with and the care he has taken of it since.

This casual way of calling people old because they have reached a certain age is all wrong. It comes rather as a shock to an individual when he is made to realize that because he has not had many birthdays, he is now considered as belonging to the old age group.

He need feel nothing of the kind; he is only the age which he has made himself to be through the care he has taken of himself. Abuse and carelessness lead to premature old age, despite the occasional case that can be reported where someone had lived to be a hundred years old, despite the fact that he had done everything which tends to cut life short.

There is much more interest and value in a healthy life than in a long one. Reasonable attention to right living and the avoidance of over indulgence will increase the number of healthy years we can hope to enjoy.

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A CLEAN TOWN

Tuesday night's snow storm covered up the cars, papers, and other rubbish lying about back lanes and yards all night. When the snow melts these unsightly and unsanitary objects will again be exposed to view.

Establish of this kind should not be permitted to accumulate on or about city premises. It requires very little work to keep the home and business premises clean, and townspeople should take a civic pride in keeping their town neat, clean, and orderly. Daily care in the proper disposal of all rubbish is better than seasonal cleaning up, and teaching the children to do their share will be for a great help.

PRICE FIXING OF WHEAT

The American Federal Farm Board has taken for about a year at prices above the world market. It finds it with 200 million bushels in storage and has to "get out from under" as best it can.

The farm board gambled and lost, and now the country has to foot the bill.

Price-fixing of wheat cannot be done, and the decision of the American Federal Farm Board to buy in 1921 wheat with government funds is an admission of this fact.

Hopes were held by the American farmers that the farm board would stabilize the price of wheat. Some Canadian farmers organizations approved of the principles of the plan, and passed resolutions requesting the federal government to adopt a plan similar to that in operation in the United States.

The admitted failure of the American Federal Farm Board in its attempt to fix the price of wheat brought an end to the agitation for a fixed price in Canada.

A commodity sold in such tremendous quantities on the world market cannot be hoisted up in value. The law of supply and demand will govern the price.

Price fixing may work out for a while but eventually it is doomed to failure with consequent heavy financial loss to the country.

CHANGED CONDITIONS IN THE WEST

The financial situation of western Canada today is radically different to what it was a number of years ago. The market value of farm products has been cut in half, and the cost of farm operation has been reduced but little in proportion.

Further, according to the economists, there appears to be hope for some improvement in the value of farm produce in the near future, but great improvement is not expected for a number of years.

This is a serious situation for the farmer to face. It is gravely serious for the farmer who has to meet annual payments on his land and equipment which were purchased in more prosperous times when prices were high and interest charges in proportion.

This is the situation mentioned by Geo. H. Webster, Liberal leader, in the Alberta legislature last Monday during the debate on the government Wheat Pool guarantee. Mr. Webster said that the government guarantee, provided one turned out to be necessary, should be sufficient, and he contended the legislature should go on record as requesting the banks to reduce their interest rates on the outstanding advances on the crop for a reasonable time as their contribution in the present emergent situation to lighten the load now being carried by the western provinces.

Hon. O. L. McPherson, minister of public works, agreed with Mr. Webster that it would be good business on the part of the banks to reduce the interest rates on these loans as their contribution to the lightening of a difficult situation. "This is a fair thing to ask," he said, "in view of the changed conditions in the west."

If it is good business for the banks to help relieve the financial situation by giving a lower rate of interest in this case, wouldn't it be good business for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to reduce the interest charges against land sold to farmers in the irrigation block? And further, wouldn't it be good business for the C. P. R. to make a downward revision in the value of this land to bring it more in line with the value of the produce that can be raised on it?

We believe that it would. And while we do not suggest that a new land valuation be made on the basis of the market price of wheat today,

Wheat Price Stabilization Is Halted In U. S.

Federal Farm Board Will Not Buy Grain With Government Funds

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 23.

Federal Farm Board will not stabilize the 1931 wheat crop in the United States by buying wheat with government funds and thus maintaining the price in the United States above the world price.

James C. Riane, new chairman, of the board, said Sunday to the board's action but experts here consider a probable result will be the gradual reduction of the price of wheat in the world level with eventual recovery of U. S. wheat into the world's markets.

"Cannot Buy More"

The announcement made by the Farm Board Sunday said the Grain Stabilization Corporation agent of the board "cannot indefinitely" own that it sells or indefinitely hold what it bought. I cannot follow a regular policy of buying at prices above the market, paying heavy storage charges and selling below cost. Farmers know this and would not ask that it be done. It would not be in the long run. In the board's own interest, a graduated average was held by the board to be the answer to the producers' problem.

The announcement further said the corporation would continue to stabilize the 1931 crop, and its sales policy would impose the minimum of burden upon domestic and world prices.

A rough sketch of the United States position at the present time showed the Stabilization Corporation controlling about 30,000,000 bushels of wheat with prospects of holding the entire carryover of the 1930 crop. Winter wheat which accounted for about 20,000,000 bushels of the total normal crop of 83,000,000, was reported to be doing well. Some expected a reduction in the average, planned to spring and something which Sunday's announcement may stimulate, but he also anticipated a large crop in 1931 as in 1930.

Mark to Sell
Discounting weather and other considerable factors, it appears probable that this year the United States producers will have somewhere from 150,000,000 to 150,000,000 bushels to sell on the world market.

The probability that the Farm Board would not stabilize the 1931 crop has been anticipated for some time, inasmuch as it did not have the funds to continue its driving operations in support of the U. S. domestic price, and there was no prospect of getting more money. On Friday, July and September futures reached the lowest price since 1885.

Hub It In, Sister
She was so dumb she thought noodle soup was a kind of soup.

Good Skating Hint
Teacher—Yes, John, Lapland is rather thinly populated.
Johnny—"How many Lapps to the mile, teacher?"

Up Against a Champion
Wife—(to boxer returning from fight)—"Ow did you get on, Bill?"
Bill—"Fine—put 'im to sleep in the third round."

Wife—"Good. Well, now you can try your 'and on the baby."

do believe that a new and lower valuation and a lower rate of interest can be arrived at to meet the conditions we may expect in the next few years.

The situation of the Irrigation farmer is serious. He cannot meet his annual principal and interest payments because the land has not produced the money. This is not a new condition which has arisen as a result of the 1929 depression, although aggravated by it. It is a condition which has been going on for several years. It is a condition which we may expect to continue until the price of farm produce makes a tremendous rise.

And every year the burden of debt carried by the irrigation farmer grows heavier and heavier. If continued he will be forced to get out, sign a quit claim, and seek a new home elsewhere.

In some cases the individual farmer may be partly to blame, but generally speaking, it is not his fault. He is the victim of economic circumstances.

Clearly, the situation cannot be solved by permitting these farmers to leave and replace them with new settlers. The case calls for a thorough investigation of the whole irrigation situation.

SOMETHING TO FORGET

If you see a tall fellow ahead of the crowd,
A leader of men marching—fearless and proud—
And you know of a tale whose mere telling aloud
Would mean that his head must, in English, be bowed,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a skeleton hidden away
In the closet, and guarded and kept from the day
In the dark, and whose showing, when sudden display
Would cause grief and sorrow and lifelong dismay,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a thing that will darken the joy
Of a man or a woman, a girl or a boy,
That will wipe out a smile, or the least way annoy
A fellow, or cause any gladness to fly,
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Counting The Cost

A Chicago actress came into a lawyer's office and said, "I want a divorce."
 "Certainly," said the lawyer. "For a nominal fee I will institute proceedings."
 "What is the nominal fee?"
 "Five hundred dollars," he replied.
 "Nothing doing," retorted the lady.
 "I can have him shot for ten."

In The Automotive World

TRANS-CANADA AUTO

SOON TO PUSH ON

Delayed by unfavorable weather, the trans-Canada auto, Nova-Colombus is about to resume its journey, the next stage being down the 72 miles of snow and ice from the top of Lake Nipigon to a point near Canoe-Falls. Gus McManus will be in charge of the car when it starts the perilous dash across the ice of Lake Nipigon. He recently took over the trans-Canada venture when injuries forced Healy Needham to return to Montreal for treatment. In preparation for the heavy going through snow and ice, McManus has equipped his McLaughlin-Bulck roadster with skis and has lowered the top so that the driver may have a chance of quick escape if the auto strikes an air hole in the ice. He plans to begin the dangerous crossing of Nipigon at any time, and hopes to accomplish this most hazardous part of the long journey across the North country before milder weather sets in.

AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY

Interesting figures, demonstrating conclusively how important the motor industry is to the United States, and similarly, to Canada, are revealed in a recent summary made by a leading manufacturer. The automobile business, it declares, consumes the following portions of other products: steel, 18 per cent; gasoline, 80 per cent; plate glass, 73 per cent; nickel, 53 per cent; lead, 31 per cent; upholstery leather, 58 per cent; hardwood lumber, 17 per cent; aluminum, 37 per cent; copper, 16 per cent; tin, 23 per cent; zinc, 6 per cent; lacquer, 18,000,000 gallons; asbestos, 165,000,000 feet; anti-freeze 45,000,000 gallons. One out of every two workers gets his living directly or indirectly from the automobile industry. The automobile dollar is worth twice that of the cost-of-living dollar in terms of the 1914 dollar.

The automobile dollar today is worth 122 per-cent as compared with a cost-of-living dollar, worth only 64 cents.

ICE WATER BOAT GOES

80 MILES PER HOUR
 A novel ferry boat which speeds over the frozen waters of the St. Lawrence when conditions demand, or rides the waves in milder weather, plies between Brockville and Morris-town. The ferryboat has a hydro-plane appearance and is driven by an airplane propeller, which in turn is powered by a Chevrolet motor. On the ice it is capable of attaining a speed of 80 miles an hour and it cuts merrily along at 15 miles on water.

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A. P. PIERSON, Proprietor

Local News

Jim Henry returned a few days ago from Seattle, Washington, where he spent the winter months.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. Jensen, of Makepeace, on Tuesday, March 24, at the Bassano Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boyce will move into the living quarters above the Bank of Commerce next week.

The Ladies Altar Society wish to thank everybody who helped make a success of their St. Patrick's whist drive and dance.

The W. I. donated a quantity of scribbles and pencils to the school for the use of children whose parents are unable to provide them with all the school necessities. The gift is greatly appreciated.

GOLF CLUB MEETING

The Bassano Golf Club will hold a meeting in the office of Walter K. Webb next Monday evening, March 29, at 8:00 o'clock, for the purpose of electing officers and making plans for the coming season of play.

TENNIS CLUB MEETING

The Bassano Tennis Club will hold their annual re-organization meeting Tuesday evening, March 31, in Wm. McLaws' office, at 8:00 p.m. Officers for the 1931 season will be elected, and arrangements made for the coming season.

IN LOVING MEMORY

In loving memory of our darling little boy and brother, Richard Arthur Simmons, who left us one year ago.

A year has passed since that sad day when our loved one was called away. God took him home, it was His will. Within our hearts he liveth still.
 Mother, Dad,
 and the Boys.

Gem News

GEM, March 25—Mr. and Mrs. Victor Vain returned this week from British Columbia. They will remain in Gem and farm here.

The community dance in this school house last Friday was a great success. The volunteer music was greatly appreciated, and everybody had a good time. There were many visitors from Bassano and neighboring districts.

The ladies of the Gem U. F. E. A. are planning an ice cream social to be held in the school Saturday evening of this week, March 28. There will be a concert program in connection. Mrs. Keeling, Mrs. Dodd and Miss Dodd, Fred Keeling and Harold Dodd spent a few days in Calgary last week.

The C. P. H. carpenters camp moved out to work last Tuesday. Miss Margaret Douglas is leaving about the end of March to commence her training for a nurse in the General Hospital, Calgary.

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Easter Novelties

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Hussar News

HUSSAR, March 26—Word has just been received that Lawson school won the diploma for the highest standing in the scholarship exhibits of the Hussar and district school fair.

This is the seventh time that Lawson school has won this diploma. The Waterloo Hills school won the agricultural diploma. Walter James Kelly, of Lawson school, received a most encouraging letter from G. P. McNally, congratulating him for being successful in securing highest standing in this school fair association in the industrial arts, penmanship, elementary science, and geography exhibits.

The W. I. Girls Club met at the home of the Misses Dorothy and Lois Nelson with twelve members present. Thirteen new members were added to the roll. Roll call consisted of a review of knot tying. The Scarlet Tanager patrol put on the program consisting of a song by Helen Jantz, reading by Evelyn Holland, jokes by Madeline Holland, and song with guitar accompaniment by Margaret Bell. Games followed. A paper was read on "Canadian National Holidays and Their Significance," and a report of the G. S. conference at Lettbridge by Mrs. E. J. Bell. Thereafter, the meeting adjourned to meet at the home of Margaret Reeves, the president, on the third Wednesday in April.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Brown were Calgary visitors on Tuesday.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Trend spent the weekend in Calgary.

FARM WANTED

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FOR SALE—All in excellent condition: two 14 foot Massey Harris disc harrows, forecutter, \$100 each; one 1 3/4 h.p. pumping engine, very peppy, \$28; strong buxer, pole or shaft, 145; five bar lever harrows, \$1.50 each; Can. Gen. Electric vacuum cleaners, new, to clear \$15 with attachments. All F. B. Bassano. W. Buttermaster, Massey Harris agent, Gleichen.
 27-38-c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS
IN THE ESTATE OF CLARENCE FORBES PEARSIDE, late of Waltham, Berkshire, England, Retired Army Officer, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the Estate of the above named Clarence Forbes Pearside who died on the 28th day of June, A.D. 1930, are required to file with the undersigned by the 27th day of April, A.D. 1931, a full statement duly verified of their claims and of any securities held by them, and that after that date the Administrator will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has been so filed or which have been brought to his knowledge. Dated this 9th day of March, A.D. 1931.

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CAMPBELL'S SOUP, Tomato, 3 tins for .39
MACARONI, 5 lb. box .45
SODA BISCUITS, dollar size .45
FRESH WALNUTS, Halves, finest quality, per lb. .50
COFFEE, Red Rose, 1 lb. tin .49
FANCY BISCUITS, per lb. .35
ORANGES, large size, sweet and juicy, 3 doz. 1.00
BANANAS, 2 lbs. .25
FRESH DATES, 2 lbs. .25
CELERY - LETTUCE - RIPE TOMATOES

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Growers Accept \$5.50 Per Ton For Beets

(Lethbridge Herald)

There will be no expansion in the beet sugar industry in Southern Alberta in 1931. At a joint meeting of the Southern Alberta Co-operative Beet Growers Association and Sugar Company officials held Monday in the Board of Trade rooms, it was made clear that it is now a physical impossibility to move a plant and re-erect it in time to handle beets this fall.

The company, however, expressed a desire to meet the development committee of the growers' association following the budget announcement of the federal government, and the growers consented to this. This conference will be held, pursuant to this understanding, within 30 days after the budget is announced in the House of Commons.

At Monday's conference the 1931 beet contract was again discussed and some changes were made to satisfy the growers. The \$5.50 minimum price was allowed to stand after comparing the Canadian contract with that in Montana. It was found that the two were about the same although worded differently and would work out the same in practice.

With respect to a second factory it was clearly understood that, should the budget provisions be acceptable, and the pending joint conference results satisfactory, the extraordinary work in connection with the building of a factory—foundation work, etc.—will be done this fall before winter sets in.

It is expected that field men will be out Monday with the new contracts.

SPARKS AND FLAMES FROM THE ANVIL OF PARLIAMENT

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wheat pool in the past. There is a tendency in some quarters to consider the policy of marketing the 1929 crop was a mistake one but the first place and that the wheat pools should have been prepared more than they were for conditions that ensued in 1930.

During a discussion of the policy of the government in regard to the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation project, which took place Saturday morning during the committee stage of the house, Hon. Vernon Smith announced that steps will be taken by the government during the coming summer to put into effect recommendations contained in the Wilson report on this project and similar projects in the province.

George H. Webster, Liberal leader, took occasion to launch an attack on James Pike, manager of the Lethbridge Northern scheme.

This 7,000 acre official does not harmonize with the administrative problems of the settlers, and I think we might very well do away with his services," declared Mr. Webster.

The question of creating a free port at Churchill in Hudson Bay, for the importation of British goods, was discussed at some length, following a motion made by W. R. Howson, Liberal, Edmonton. The legislature, however, was more interested in "adequately and justly" safeguarding the economic interests of the western farmers. An amendment by George MacLachlan, U. P. A., Paganis, which read as follows, was accepted instead of Mr. Howson's motion:

"Pending a general substantial revision downwards of all tariffs, this assembly recommends to the dominion government that the agricultural industry of western Canada, either by stabilization of prices or by control examination of the incidence of the tariff schedule, be placed on a parity with other industries in Canada, in order to ensure that the economic interests of the farmers of western Canada be adequately and justly safeguarded."

The passage of the amended motion came at the conclusion of a debate that lasted all afternoon and part of the evening and which awakened much interest.

It seems certain now that the anti-beet half petition which was presented to the legislature will get a year's hold. No definite action is anticipated until the private bills and standing orders committee, to which the question was referred, holds its third meeting on Monday. Attacks on the legality of the petition because of insufficiency of names to bring the document within the requirements of the direct legislation act have been made. The prohibition element has countered that 55 names constitute a sufficient body of public opinion warrant the petition being acted upon. The fate of the petition will be decided probably on Monday night.

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4 lbs. Navy Beans, 3 lbs. Split or Green Peas, 1 Family pkt. Sodas, one 7 lb. sack Table Salt; all for	95c	1 bar Baker's Chocolate, 1/2 lb. Walnuts whole halves, 2 lbs. Icing Sugar, one 6 lb. bag A. G. Pastry Flour; all for	95c
1 pkt. Quick Oats, china ware, 2 pkts. Bran Flakes, 3 pkts. Corn Flakes; all for	95c	2 tins Red Cherries, 1 tin Crab Apples, 1 tin Apricots, all heavy syrup; all for	95c
1 Wooden box Sodas, 1 pkt. Ginger Snaps, 2 tins Campbell's Soup, assorted; all for	95c	1 jar Pickles, sweet, sour, or mixed, 1 bottle Heinz Catsup, 1 bottle H. P. Sauce; all for	95c
3 lbs. Best Jap Rice, 2 lbs. Tapioca, 2 lbs. Sago, 2 doz. Eggs, fresh firsts; all for	95c	6 large Sunkist Oranges, 3 lbs. Newton Apples 1 bottle Heinz Salad Dressing, 2 lbs. Bananas; all for	95c
1 lb. Australian Raisins, 2 lbs. Australian Apricots; all for	95c	One 2 1/2 lb. tin Alta Honey, one 40 oz. jar Strawberry Jam; all for	95c
1 lb. A. G. Economy Tea, 1 lb. A. G. Vacuum Coffee, 1 tin Pork and Beans; all for	95c	One 6 lb. sack A. G. Pastry Flour, 1 tin Heavy pack Pumpkin, one 3 lb. tin Burns Pure Lard; all for	95c
2 tins Tomato Juice, 2 Florida Grapefruit, 1 lb. Shamrock Bacon, sliced; all for	95c	3 large Florida Gape Fruit, 6 juicy California Lemons, 15 large Sunkist Oranges; all for	95c
3 tins Pork & Beans, 1 tin Sauerkraut, 2 tins Carril's Golden Corn; all for	95c	3 tins fancy Pink Salmon, 1 tin Chicken Haddie, 4 tins Brunswick Sardines; all for	95c
6 bars P. & G. Laundry Soap, 6 bars Royal Crown Soap, 1 pkt. Gillax, 2 tins Lye; all for	95c	1 bottle Mrs. Stewart's Blue, 1 pkt. Laundry Starch, 12 bars Pearl White Soap; all for	95c
2 pkts. Chipso or Oxydol, 1 bottle Bleaching Fluid, 2 pkts Powdered Ammonia, 1 tin Powdered Bon-Ami; all for	95c	1 tin Sani-Flush, 3 tins Old Dutch Cleanser, 7 rolls Toilet Tissue; all for	95c

Just take a glance at our fruit and vegetable window. If it is on the market we have it. Always fresh. Just arrived, a nice consignment of Winesap and Yellow Newton Apples; good firm stock. Celery, Head Lettuce, Spinach, Fresh Tomatoes; all fresh in for the week-end.

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11 a.m. Sunday School.

7:30 p.m.—Evening Worship, subject, "Gathering Up the Fragments that Remain." A sparkling sermon on the inexhaustible nature of God.

Everybody Welcome

Six Thieves Caught

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had completely disappeared.

The police returned to Bassano with the prisoner and the captured car. Later Sergt. Cawsey resumed the search, accompanied by T. Oster. They scoured the countryside for the missing men, and about 6:30 p.m. two were found hiding in a straw stack on the Cote farm and a few minutes later the other three were picked up along the road.

When questioned the men admitted having stolen a car in Calgary Sunday night. They also admitted having broken into a service station in Glenora where they stole gasoline.

George Albert Hall Roy, who drove the stolen car and appeared to be the leader of the gang, appeared in the Bassano police court Tuesday charged with operating a motor vehicle without having a driver's license. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and costs or 10 days in jail labor. He was also charged with interfering with a police officer in the discharge of his duties by resisting, being, and causing a stop when signalled to do so. He pleaded not guilty, but Sergt. Cawsey proved his case and accused was fined \$25 and costs, one month with hard labor. He was unable to pay other fine, so the jail sentence was imposed.

Tuesday afternoon the six prisoners were taken to Calgary to answer to a charge of stealing a car.

The Pictures

Something new in scenes of back-stage life is promised in "Pattin' on the Ritz," the latest Artistic dialogue musical extravaganza at the Orpheum Theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week, March 26, 27, and 28. Part of the picture is in technicolor.

This production contains not only the conventional glimpses of rehearsals and dressing rooms, it goes deeply into the lives of the interesting and curious band of folks—the professionals—shows them as human beings. It depicts them in poverty and riches, leads the audience to the little nooks and crannies of boarding houses and theatrical hotels which they call home, and makes them real personalities.

"Pattin' on the Ritz" offers to the public several songs written especially for the picture by Irving Berlin and sung by the golden-voiced Richman.

The picture shows some remarkable characterizations with a great deal of comedy and many serious scenes.

"The Girl Said No" is coming next week on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

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